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SUBJ: VIEWS OF GENERAL MAGALHAES

1. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR, GENERAL ALTINO PINTO DE MAGALHAES, PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL JUNTA, DESCRIBED FLA AS A REACTION OF THE WEALTHY IN SAO MIGUEL TO GONZALVISM. ORIGINALLY, FLA RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM FRANCE AND MONEY FROM THE U.S., BUT THE MONEY FROM THE U.S. DRIED UP QUICKLY. MAGALHAES THOUGHT IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE U.S. HAD STOPPED ITS SUPPORT OF FLA, BECAUSE THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT PLAYED INTO THE HANDS OF THE LEFTISTS. HE BELIEVES THAT FLA HAS NO SUPPORT AMONG THE PEOPLE TODAY AND THAT IT IS CONTINUALLY DECREASING IN STRENGTH.

2. THE GENERAL SHOWED SOME CONCERN AT A RENEWED LEFTIST (READ COMMUNIST) INFLUENCE IN THE AZORES, PARTICULARLY ON TERCEIRA WHERE SOME UNIONS ARE LEFTIST DOMINATED. HE BLAMED MUCH OF THE CURRENT LABOR UNREST IN THE AZORES ON LEFTIST INFLUENCE. ANOTHER SIGN ON LEFTIST RESURGENCE WAS FAIPA (FRENTE DE APIO A INDEPENDENCIA DO POVO ACOREANO), FRONT FOR THE SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE AZOREAN PEOPLE, A LEFTIST INDEPENDENCE GROUP.

3. COMMENT: GENERAL MAGALHAES' CONCERN ABOUT LABOR UNREST IS
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SHARED BY PPD LEADERS WHO SEE IT AS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT

PROBLEMS THEY WILL FACE IN GOVERNING THE AZORES. FAIPA IS ONE OF SEVERAL NEW SEPARATIST GROUPS TO APPEAR IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS. ITS ONLY ACTION TO DATE HAS BEEN TO SUPPORT A WORKERS PROTEST AGAINST AN INCREASE IN BUS FARES ON SAO MIGUEL. ANOTHER NEW ORGANIZATION IS MES, STUDENT SEPARATIST MOVEMENT, WHICH HAS PUBLISHED A FEW LETTERS IN NEWSPAPERS, GIVEN OUT A FEW HANDBILLS, AND PUT UP A FEW SIGNS. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT EITHER FAIPA OR MES HAVE MORE THAN A HANDFUL OF ADHERENTS. PFEIFLE

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